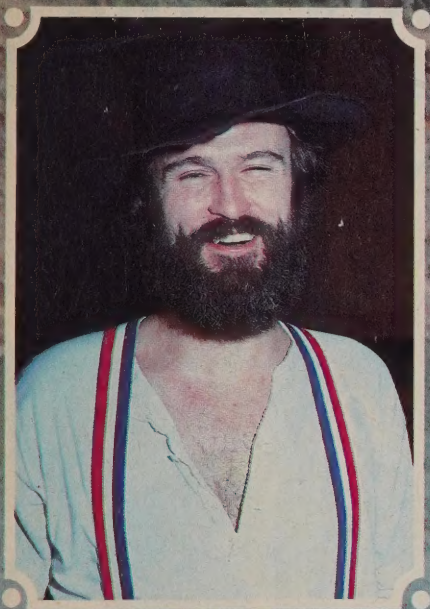


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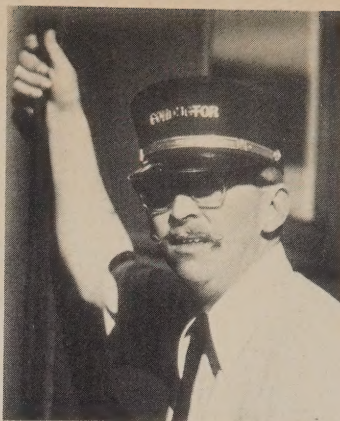
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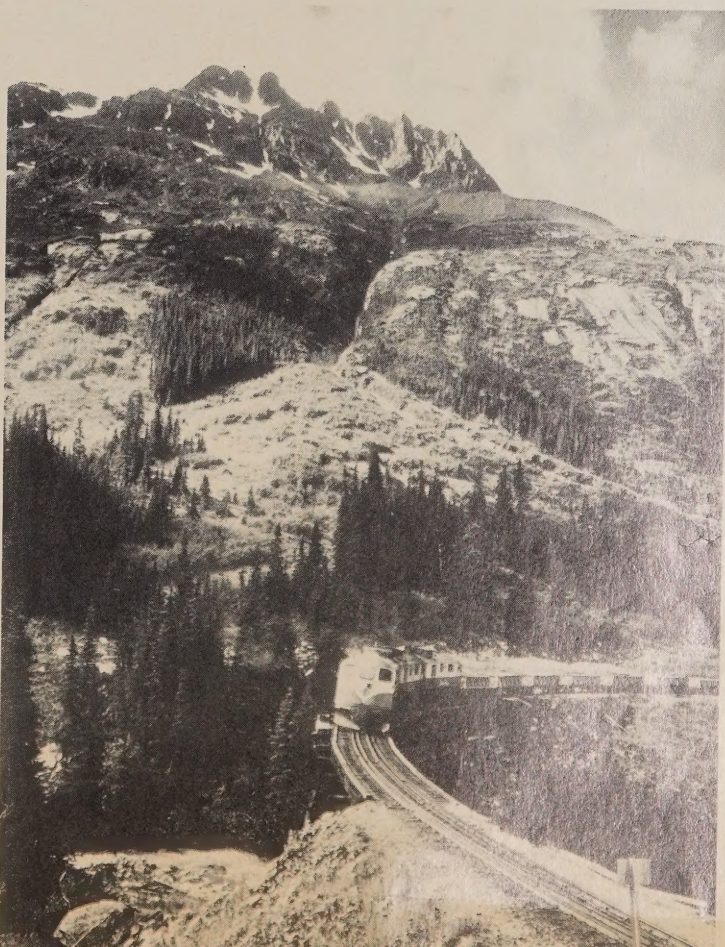
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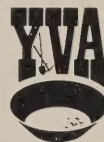
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This publication is one way of telling you that we care. It is designed to help you see as much of the Yukon as possible; from the sign posts of Watson Lake to Diamond Tooth Gertie's Gambling Casino in Dawson City, with all the awe-inspiring scenery, historic attractions and communities in between.

Take your time . . . meet our people . . . and enjoy your vacation to the fullest. Welcome to Yukon, Canada's last frontier.

Yukon Visitors Association



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Frequently Asked Questions

I have heard there is legalized gambling in Yukon. Is this true?

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We plan to drive north next July. Will we have any problem obtaining unleaded gas in the Yukon?

Unleaded gas is readily available throughout the Yukon, along the Alaska Highway and in the communities of Faro, Dawson City and Carmacks.

What happens during Dawson City's Discovery Days?

The Discovery Day celebrations are as old as the city itself. Gold was discovered on August 17, 1896 leading to the famous Klondike Gold Rush of 1898. Each year Dawson celebrates this weekend with parades, bands, raft and canoe races, ball tournaments and many other carnival type attractions. The 1979 celebrations take place August 18 to 21.

Are there any hostels in Yukon?

Hostels in Yukon are located in Whitehorse, Dawson City and Haines Junction. They are open from June to September. For further information write to Yukon Hostelling Association, 4051 -4th Avenue, Whitehorse, Yukon. Phone (403) 667-4471.

As U.S. citizens, are we allowed to bring firearms into the territory?

There are restrictions concerning the transportation of firearms across the Canadian/U.S. border. You are advised to check with U.S. or Canadian Customs officials prior to departure regarding the current regulations.

How far can we drive on the Dempster Highway?

The Dempster Highway, open only during the summer months, can be driven as far as the Pelly River on the Yukon side. Ferry service will be in operation across the Peel and Arctic Red Rivers on the Northwest Territories side. As there is no gravel surface on certain portions of the road, extremely muddy conditions may be encountered during wet weather. Ensure that your vehicle is equipped with good tires. Gas is available at only three outlets along this route. Check these points in advance of your trip and carry extra gas accordingly.

When is the best time of year to hike the Chilkoot Trail?

The Chilkoot Trail was the route followed by the early gold seekers making their way to the Klondike. It runs 32 miles from Dyea, near Skagway, to Bennett in British Columbia. Because of weather conditions it is generally considered that July and August are the best months to take the 2½ to 3½ day hike.

What is the highest mountain in Yukon and where is it located?

Not only is Mount Logan the highest mountain in Yukon, but at 19,524 feet, it is the highest in North America, second only to Alaska's Mt. McKinley. Mt. Logan is situated in Kluane National Park north of the community of Haines Junction.

When and where can we view the "midnight sun"?

On June 21, the midnight sun, is at its highest peak. Traditionally, Yukoners and visitors alike gather on the Midnight Dome in Dawson City to celebrate the summer solstice.

How cold does it get? Do you have lots of snow?

Winters are cold but the proximity of the Pacific Ocean provides frequent mild spells. Thawing temperatures may occur any winter month. On the other hand, 40 degrees below zero (-40°F) can be expected at some time during the winter.

Yukon receives far less snow than most people think. Precipitation is scant with an average of only 5.49 inches of rain in summer and a yearly snowfall averaging 50.3 inches.

What is the best time of year to travel to the Yukon?

June 1 to mid-September is a good time to visit the territory. Visitor information facilities, attractions, campgrounds, hotels and motels are in full operation. However, May, September and October are also beautiful months preferred by many visitors over the busier summer months.

Do we need headlight protectors and bug screens to drive the Alaska Highway?

A wire mesh screen installed across the front of your vehicle is recommended. This will help protect paint, radiator and to some extent, the windshield, from flying rocks. Headlights should be protected with clear plastic covers.

Are there government campgrounds and what sort of facilities can we expect?

There are over fifty Yukon Territorial Government campgrounds scattered throughout the Yukon. Most campgrounds are equipped with outdoor privies, tables, wood, kitchen shelters, individual barrel stoves or barbecues. (See page 33 for additional information).

Is it dark all winter?

The darkest days are during December and January when the sun does not rise until approximately 9 a.m. and sets around 4 p.m. On the other hand, during the months of June and July the sun sets for only two or three hours each night.

Is dust a serious problem while driving the Alaska Highway?

While it is important to drive with headlights on at all times, dust is not as serious a problem as many people think. The highway is treated with calcium which keeps down dust and provides a smoother surface.

Are blackflies and mosquitos really bad?

Mosquitos are most prevalent in June, while blackflies usually appear in late August and September. These insects are scarce in Yukon communities due to a continued spraying program, and are heaviest in dense bush areas. It is wise therefore, to carry insect repellents if you are camping or fishing.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CARMACKS

Winterlude: 3rd week in March

A winter carnival including dog sled racing, snowshoeing and other winter sports.

DAWSON CITY

Spring Break-Up Drama Festival: May

The Festival is planned to coincide with the break-up of the ice in the Yukon River, the last sign of winter. Theatre groups participate from all over the Yukon, Northern British Columbia and Alaska, presenting original plays written to portray turn-of-the-century themes.

Canada Day and Independence Day: July

Everyone is welcome to Dawson City for the combined July 1st and July 4th celebrations. Seventy-five years ago most Dawsonites were American citizens and Independence Day was one of the biggest events of the year.

Discovery Days: Official holiday, 3rd Monday of August

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Great Klondike International Outhouse Race

Sept. 2. (Labour Day weekend).

With competitors from all over the north.

Spring Carnival: March

Dog team mail run from Eagle, Alaska to Dawson City.

FARO

Pelly River Revelry: Last part of August

The Faro 400 Tricycle Race, men's and women's ball tournament, a dance and other miscellaneous outdoor activities.

Fireweed Festival Fall Fair: end of August.

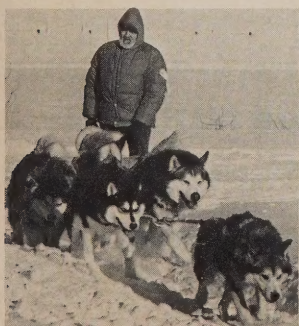
Horticultural and craft exhibits, family events.

Farrago Folk Festival: September

The Festival brings together many well-known entertainers from Canada and the U.S., as well as local performers, artists, potters, weavers and green thumbs in a collage of colour, excitement and friendship.

Ice Worm Squirm: February

Snow-golf tournament, curling bonspiel, football games and dances.



Rendezvous Dog Sled Race



Frantic Follies



Can-Can Dancer at Dawson



Flour Packing Contestant

MAYO

Mayo Winter Carnival: Early March

A variety of contests including dog racing, beer drinking and tug-o-war.

TAGISH

Kiwanis-CKRW Fish Derby: June

Prizes are offered for the largest fish caught during a 12-hour period.

WATSON LAKE

Discovery Days: August

Organized by Watson Lake Lion's Club. A four-day celebration with gambling, can-can girls and other activities in the true '98 tradition.

WHITEHORSE

Frantic Follies: June to September

This turn-of-the-century vaudeville stage show presents a lively evening of fun and nostalgia for the entire family. Nightly at 9:15 pm. (except Mondays) at the Travelodge Bonanza Room. Additional show - mid-June to mid-August.

Annual Highland Games: June 23

Piping and drum competitions, sheet toss, throwing the stone, and tug-o-war, plus other traditional events and dances.

Horticulture and Hobby Show - Kiwanis Club: mid-August

Features exhibits from all over the Yukon.

Sourdough Rendezvous: February 22-25.

Featuring snowmobile, snowshoe and national dog team races, flour packing contests, local arts and crafts exhibits, Days of '98 costume and beard judging contests, Sourdough hotcake breakfasts, can-can girls and talent shows.

SPORT FISHING

Sport fishing in the Yukon Territory ranks among the finest in the world. The swift flowing rivers and creeks and the crystal-clear lakes teem with fish: Arctic grayling that rise readily to a 'Black Gnat' or 'Professor,' lunger lake trout that often run to forty pounds, northern pike that strike viciously at heavy spoons or lures, and six species of white fish that test the patience of the eager fisherman.

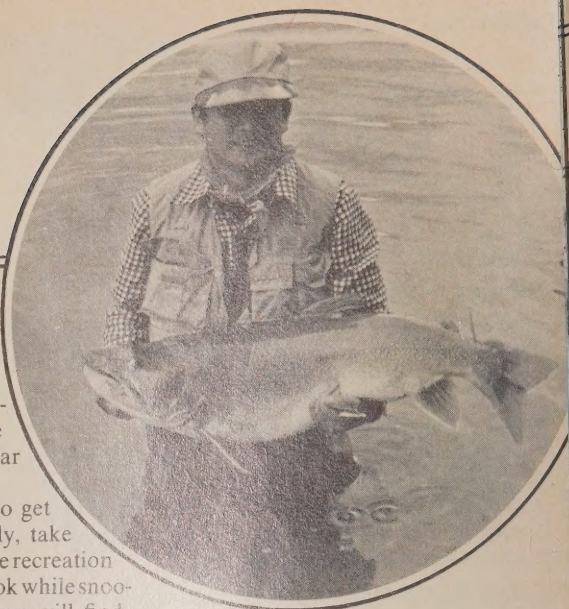
Dolly Varden trout, delicious in the frying pan, lie in wait for small spinners or wet flies in the riffles of many easily-reached rivers. And in certain far northern rivers fighting sea-run rainbow trout, better known as 'steelhead' can be taken on spoons, flies or bait.

And as if that were not enough, the Fish and Game Branch of the Yukon Territorial Government has carried out an extensive fish stocking program. Many of Yukon's lakes have been stocked with rainbows, kokanee, and cut-throat trout. The rainbows often weigh in up to eight pounds.

For the serious fisherman, hiring a competent fishing guide is a good way to ensure success. The guide will tell you where to fish, the right time of day, what tackle or bait to use and how to use it. Most guides will supply a boat and all the necessary tackle. All you have to do is enjoy yourself.

Fly-in trips are fast becoming popular with visiting fishermen. They not only guarantee top-notch fishing but also provide an excellent opportunity to see some of Yukon's spectacular scenery from the air.

Whether your ambition is to get an Arctic grayling on a dry fly, take home a trophy lake trout for the recreation room, or dreamily dangle a hook while snoozing on a sunny riverbank, you will find that fishing in the Yukon is a rewarding experience.



The Yukon is a fisherman's paradise where fish in the 30 Lb. category are not uncommon.

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ROCKHOUNDING



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The first people to make use of Yukon's minerals were the Indian tribes who utilized native copper for tools and weapons. It was however, the lure of gold that first brought large numbers of white men to the territory just before the turn of the century.

Yukoners and visitors alike can still pan for gold in many Yukon creeks and experience that incomparable feeling of finding little "colour" in the base of a pan.

As well as gold there are other less

romantic, though no less rewarding, minerals and crystals to search for in the Yukon. Yukon diamond (cassiterite), jasper, black diamond, rutile, oivine, serpentine, jade, obsidian, chalcedony, amber and topaz, plus a wide range of base metals and a number of crystals including Lazulite and Kulanite (the latter named for one of the Yukon's foremost prospectors).

It's all here for the taking and as long as the visitor doesn't become an inadvertent claim-jumper, he can expect to go home with packsack sagging under the weight of the territory's treasures.

All you need is a poke, a pan, a pick and an eye for the ground's glints.

A wealth of rocks and minerals can be found in many areas of the Yukon.



Visitors always enjoy trying their luck at gold panning.

ATLIN

Atlin was born of a gold rush; less significant but by no means less exciting, than the great Klondike rush that sent thousands scurrying to the Klondike.

Whisperings of a gold discovery in the Atlin area prompted many stampeder previously heading for Dawson City, to side-track to Atlin.

Hundreds of labourers working on the construction of the White Pass & Yukon Route railway dropped their picks and shovels when they heard of the Atlin gold strike and hurried to Atlin to stake their claims.

Many of these men stayed on, even after gold mining lost favour economically, to make Atlin their permanent home.

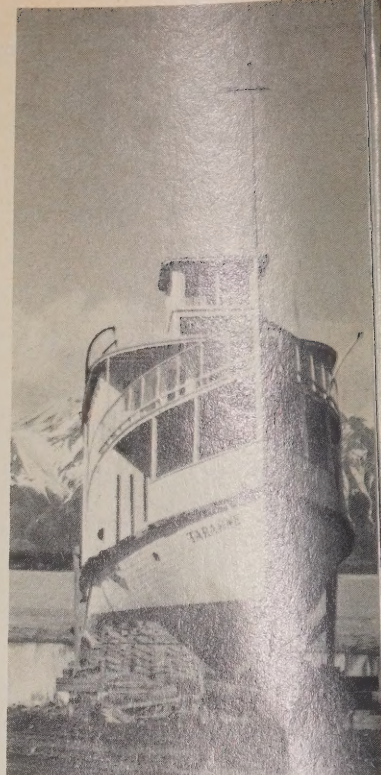
These staunch pioneers of the gold rush held steadfast even though the following years were often lean. They were set apart from the fast moving world and isolated in a boundless wilderness. A fragile linkage with the outside consisted of dog teams, horses, sleighs and cat trains in winter and lake boats in summer. The advent of northern aviation made life a bit easier but until 1950 there was no road at all to Atlin.

Now, after a period in the early 1960's when Atlin's population sagged to a scant 100, the town is enjoying a second boom. This one, different from the first, is spawned by today's pioneers searching not for golden riches but for a simpler, more satisfying way of life.

Today Atlin is a haven for tourists. It is a scenic three hour drive from Whitehorse, almost half of which is on paved highway.

The area which surrounds this community has long been referred to as the 'Switzerland of North America'. Rimmed by a glacial crescent which emanates from the giant Juneau ice field, this picturesque town overlooks beautiful Atlin Lake.

Whether fishing, gold panning, canoeing, boating, hiking, or generally exploring the townsite of Atlin and the derelict remains of nearby Discovery which still echoes with gold rush history, a rewarding experience is guaranteed any visitor.



The old lake boat 'Tarahne' is a well-known Atlin landmark resting on the shore of picturesque Atlin Lake.

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CARCROSS

Originally a hunting camp which the Indians called Caribou Crossing, this quaint and charming community hugging the shore of Lake Bennett is just 40 miles from Whitehorse and 65 miles from Skagway, Alaska. Carcross inspires a strong urge on the part of the wayfarer to pack and take up permanent residence.

The town itself has remained virtually unscathed by modern development and very little has happened since the gold rush of 1898 to change its face or its mood.

The hub of activity is the Caribou Hotel, built in 1911. Its rustic atmosphere is accentuated by three colourful parrots whose chatter adds to the din of the hotel's popular tavern.

Right next door to the hotel is Watson's

Store, built in 1911 by Matthew Watson. The store is heated by a wood-burning Yukon stove and indeed the whole place looks much the same as it did over 60 years ago. Carriage bolts, cough medicine and gold pans can be found here as well as clothing, film, toiletries, hardware and souvenirs.

Hunting is excellent in the Carcross area and if you fish, some locals claim you have to "fight 'em off". Other activities for the visitor include horse back riding, hiking and prospecting.

Of historical interest is a cairn marking the site of the driving of the last railroad spike in the White Pass and Yukon rail line which passes through Carcross. The *Tutshi*, a steamboat which once plied local

waters and the *Duchess*, a tiny locomotive which had originally been used to haul coal on Vancouver Island and was brought north in 1899 to transport supplies over the 2¼ mile railroad between Taku Arm and Atlin Lake, are also historic items of interest for the visitor.

A milestone for Carcross will be the official opening of the Skagway-Carcross Road during the summer of 1979. This will enable motorists travelling by way of the Alaska marine highway system to drive from Skagway into the Yukon via Carcross.

With its significant touch of history and large measure of beauty, Carcross makes a delightful and interesting stop for any traveller.

Peaceful Carcross, nestled among snow-peaked mountains on famous Lake Bennett.





Hundreds of caribou may often be seen dotting the landscape of the northern tundra.

WILDLIFE

A massive silver-tipped grizzly ambling across a deserted stretch of highway, a majestic bull moose wading knee-deep near the shoreline of a lonely lake or a herd of stately caribou gliding silently across the northern tundra. These sights are not uncommon in the Yukon where big game and a variety of other animal life abounds.

The Yukon has often been described as Canada's last great frontier and as the name implies, it has vast areas of trackless wilderness. Because it is still virtually untamed, visitors are often treated to the

sight of animals in their natural habitat.

Big game species include Stone and Dall sheep, Woodland and Barren-ground caribou, mountain goats, moose, grizzly and black bear. A variety of smaller wild animals such as the lynx, fox, coyote and beaver are also plentiful.

The territory has a large bird population including eagles, owls, grouse, ptarmigan, loons and over fifty other species not counting migratory birds.

For the visiting big game hunter the Yukon is an ideal place to collect that record size trophy. The Yukon itself is

divided into 22 guiding areas with outfitter holding exclusive rights to area. Visiting sportsmen are required to use the services of such outfitters. Yukon Fish and Game Branch of the territorial Government can provide all information regarding licence and trophy seasons and limits.

For the visitor who prefers a camera gun or bow there is ample opportunity to get some spectacular photographs. There are several guiding services in the territory that specialize in trips just for the photographer.



Sheep can be spotted on the high mountain ridges.

CANOEING

The Yukon is a land of rivers: great rivers like the Yukon itself, narrow winding, tumbling torrents, and every kind of waterway imaginable.

There is a river for everyone in the territory, whether your pleasure is to sit on a bank and idly daydream of snorting stern-wheelers surging upstream, to drift gently down to Dawson in the wake of thousands of gold-seekers; or to challenge the cascading currents in kayak or canoe.

Visitors with their own canoes can travel almost anywhere in the Yukon, though those planning trips are advised to use the free RCMP registration service for their own safety. Those lacking equipment can either rent canoes and other gear, or take one of the guided canoe trips

offered by one of the several outfitters.

Perhaps one of the most exciting canoe trips is down the Yukon River from Whitehorse to Dawson City, combining bold adventure with an opportunity to explore the Yukon's history.

A number of other rivers offer greater challenge to the experienced canoeist but caution should always be exercised because of the fluctuating water levels, and the often great distance to 'civilization'.

An added bonus for canoeists in the Yukon is that all the rivers and lakes offer excellent fishing and on the riverbanks and lakeshores there is an abundance of wildlife. It is a fascinating sight to round a bend in the river and discover a large cow

moose with her small calf, wading in the swift current. Or to watch the profusion of birds: ducks, loons, hawks, beautiful silent owls and majestic bald eagles.

Whether you long for the thrill of shooting white-water rapids, or just want to paddle the serene waters of mirrored lakes, you will find canoeing in the Yukon Territory a memorable experience.



Peace and tranquility: canoeing on a placid Yukon Lake.

HIKING

The Chilkoot Trail

Tens of thousands of gold-crazed stampedeers challenged the Chilkoot Pass in 1898. It was the most popular route to the rich gold fields of the Klondike, although it defeated many of those intent on making a fast fortune.

Each stampeder was required by Canadian law to carry 2,000 pounds of provisions up over the 3,000 foot summit and across the U.S./Canadian border. Sometimes thirty trips had to be made up a 45 degree slope in an unending human chain. No man could stop to rest for fear that it would take several hours to get back into line.

Today hikers on the Chilkoot Trail can retrace the footsteps of these early gold seekers with only a fraction of the hardship and effort. The trail is well-marked and patrolled by Canadian and U.S. guides.



The trail begins at Dyea near Skagway, Alaska, and ends at Lake Bennett in British Columbia a distance of approximately 32 miles, which takes an average of 2½ to 3½ days to hike.

The terrain ranges from lush rain forest to sub-alpine and alpine regions. Here and there along the way there remains evidence of the early stampedeers; a discarded shoe, a rusted horse's bit or the remnants of old log shelters.

Today's hiker also has a choice of carrying his or her own tent for overnighiting or staying in one of the new log shelters especially designed for this purpose.

From Bennett the hiker can catch the narrow-gauge White Pass and Yukon Railway which runs between Skagway and Whitehorse, to complete the trip in comfort.

Hikers relive the magic of the gold rush by walking the Chilkoot Trail which thousands of stampedeers once trod.

OTHER HIKE AREAS

Kluane National Park

Kluane National Park is a relative and due to its remoteness, backpacking is the only way to hike. Established hiking trails are available in the park but hikers must make arrangements in advance. Informal Centers or Warden Stations can obtain information on conditions, along with further details on the trail they intend to hike.

Whitehorse Area

There are three popular trails in the Whitehorse ranging from a short 7 mile walk to a two day hike.

Whitehorse to Canyon City: A scenic walk that may be taken by inexperienced hikers who follow a defined path as far as the mouth of abandoned Canyon City.

Grey Mountain Hike: A well marked trail, approximately 10 miles long which passes several old campsites. This may be walked in one day.

Stoney Creek Hike: A scenic trail rises to a small sub-alpine lake and a moorland campsite. At certain times of year berries are profuse and the area offers pleasant tramping. A two day hike.



A human chain of gold-seekers ascending the summit of the Chilkoot Pass in 1898.

WATSON LAKE

Watson Lake, referred to as the 'gateway to the Yukon', was named for Bob Watson who opened a trading post here in 1936. It grew from an isolated outpost to a thriving community in the late '30s and when the Alaska Highway was routed through its center in 1942, it became an important transportation center.

One of the north's most famous bush pilots lives in Watson Lake. George Dal-

ziel learned to fly in the twenties, brought a plane to Watson Lake and has been flying ever since. Dalziel once carved a propeller out of a log to repair his plane after a wilderness crash landing, and then flew the plane out.

Fishing, boating and canoeing are rewarding pastimes close at hand to the community. Wye Lake, right on Main Street, is well stocked with rainbow trout and there are plenty of trout and grayling

in the waters of Watson Lake itself.

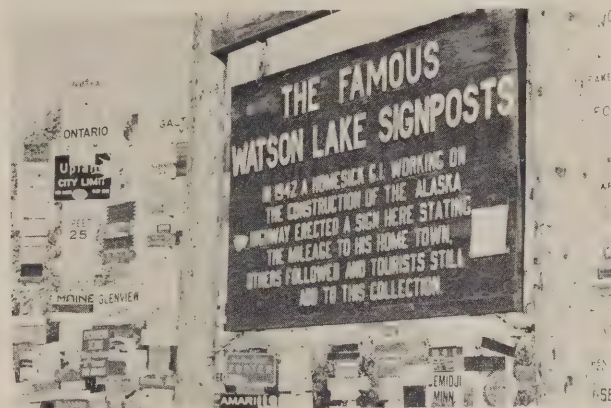
From Watson Lake travellers can drive up the Alaska Highway to Whitehorse then on to the Klondike Highway leading to gold rush country and Dawson; or up the Campbell Highway which winds through mountains to join the Klondike Highway at Carmacks.

TESLIN

Teslin, 118 miles southeast of Whitehorse on the Alaska Highway, has one of the largest native populations in the Yukon.

Situated on beautiful Teslin Lake, much of the livelihood of the community revolves around traditional hunting, trapping and fishing. It is also the headquarters for one of the most successful and flourishing Yukon Indian industries, Teslin Wood Products, a wholly-owned native co-operative, which produces quality freighter canoes and the famous Teslin Indian snowshoes. Many of the natives are descendants of the coastal Tlingit tribe.

Gold rush relics and Indian artifacts are on display in the George Johnston Museum at Teslin. There is an original Indian village at the junction of Nisutlin Bay and Teslin Lake and the community consists of a trading post and general store, RCMP detachment, a Yukon Forestry station and missions of the Catholic and Anglican Church.



The sign posts are a popular attraction at Watson Lake. The collection was started by a homesick G.I. who worked on the construction of the Alaska Highway in 1942.

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HIGHWAYS

Alaska Highway South (Yukon #1)

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Alaska Highway North (Yukon #1)

Leaving Whitehorse, the Klondike Highway to Dawson City is passed at Mile 924.5 (Km. 1488.5). Then, after passing the community of Champagne, the motorist will reach Haines Junction and shortly thereafter be within view of the mighty St. Elias mountain range, the third highest in the world. Farther up the highway are Destruction Bay and Burwash on beautiful Kluane Lake which borders Kluane National Park. The last community before reaching the Alaska border, is Beaver Creek.

Haines Road

The Haines Road borders the eastern edge of the St. Elias mountains and connects Haines, Alaska with Haines Junction, Yukon. Lodges are located along the way, as well as numerous historical points of interest.

The Haines Road is one of Yukon's links with the Alaskan coast, providing yet another alternative travel destination.

The largest concentration of bald eagles in the world may be spotted in the early fall near Haines, Alaska. The ghost town of Dalton Post is accessible a few miles off the highway.

Dempster Highway (Yukon #11)

This road was designed to connect southern Yukon communities with Inuvik and the Mackenzie Delta in the Northwest Territories. It follows the trail used by Corporal W. J. D. Dempster of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police when he took a search party north by dog team to look for the ill-fated Fitzgerald patrol. Fitzgerald and his men perished in the winter of 1911 after they lost their way while on the annual Dawson-Fort McPherson Mounted Police patrol.

The highway traverses country that is alive with caribou and Arctic wildlife, and

The highway traverses country that is alive with caribou and Arctic wildlife. Those wishing to drive the Dempster should ensure that spare tires are in good



The Alaska Highway near Whitehorse is under constant upgrading and paving to bring the wartime tote road up to modern standards.

condition and that extra gas and food supplies are carried. This is isolated country.

Canol Road (Yukon #8)

During World War II the American army launched the Canol project. It was designed to pump oil from Norman Wells, in the Northwest Territories, to Whitehorse. It took almost two years of work to build the oil pipeline and the network of supply roads. Today this pipeline system lies unused.

You can drive the Canol Road from Johnson's Crossing, on the Alaska Highway, to Ross River to the northeast, and then over this wilderness road to the NWT border. The road is kept up to minimum standards to permit exploration and recreation during the summer months. There are no services north of Ross River and anyone planning a trip should carry extra gas, spare tires and be sure their vehicle is in good condition.

Sixty Mile Highway (Yukon #3)

Called "The Top of the World" highway, this road connects Tetlin Junction, Alaska, with Dawson City. Much of the road extends along a ridge giving the motorist a spectacular panoramic view. It's a perfect circle tour from Whitehorse to Dawson, over the Top of the World highway to Tetlin Junction, south along the Alaska Highway past the magnificent St. Elias mountains returning to Whitehorse.

Campbell Highway (Yukon #9)

First traversed by Robert Campbell, explorer for the Hudson's Bay Company during the mid-1800's and later used by the gold rush stampedeers, this route takes the motorist by what many claim is the most beautiful lake in the Yukon, Frances Lake. The road joins Watson Lake to Ross River and Faro and finally hooks up with the Klondike Highway at Carmacks.

Klondike Highway (Yukon #5, 2 & 3)

The Klondike Highway runs from Dawson City following the trail of early stampedeers. It is one of the highway routes in the territory and connects southern Yukon with the communities of Pelly and Stewart Crossing. Mayo, Elsa (location of the giant U. Keno Hill silver mine) and Keno. It is a good road which pierces the center of Yukon.

Skagway Road

To be officially opened in the summer of 1979, this road will provide a secondary artery to the sea from the Yukon. One that is sure to be popular from Skagway to Carcross, then to Haines Junction and Haines, Alaska. The Lynn Canal about 20 miles from Skagway via the Alaska marine system.

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It is an attraction not only for its wholesome atmosphere, but because it is a city on the go; being a transportation hub, a center of government and a stopping off point for tourists who are attracted by its fascinating history.

The city of Whitehorse was established in the Spring of 1900, two full years after the stampeders scurried by on their way to the gold creeks of Dawson City.

Shortly after the initial rush in 1897, a roving entrepreneur named Norman Mac-Cauley built a horse-drawn tramway along the banks of the Yukon River to haul freight past the fast water at Miles Canyon and the Whitehorse Rapids, just outside the present townsite. A small community named Canyon City sprang up at this point and at the end of this line, boat docks were constructed to service the sternwheelers that picked up the freight.

It was not until the winter of 1899-1900 that the parcel of land now occupied by the city center, took on any significance due to the installation of a railway terminus by the White Pass railway.

Construction of the Alaska Highway during World War II further boosted the development of Whitehorse, its population soaring to 50,000 during the highway's nine-month construction period.

Today Whitehorse with its colourful history, can be accused of having a split personality. It is a frontier city with a cosmopolitan atmosphere. All the amenities necessary to the highway, rail or air traveller can be found here. It has modern hotels, motels, dining and entertainment, laundry facilities, campgrounds, numerous auto repair shops, and an international jet port with scheduled departures to points in Alaska, North West Territories, British Columbia,

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In Whitehorse, the visitor can indulge in the city's night life or delve into Yukon's fascinating history by visiting the Mac-Bride Museum, historic buildings, the sternwheeler S.S. Klondike, or the Yukon Territorial Archives containing early day history with volumes of books, papers and photographs of Yukon's exciting past. Either way, Whitehorse guarantees visitors the best of both worlds.



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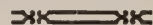
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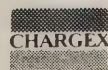
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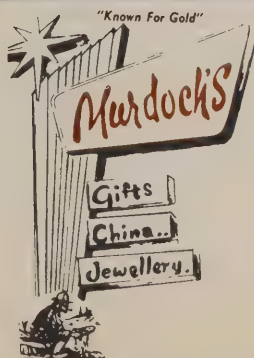
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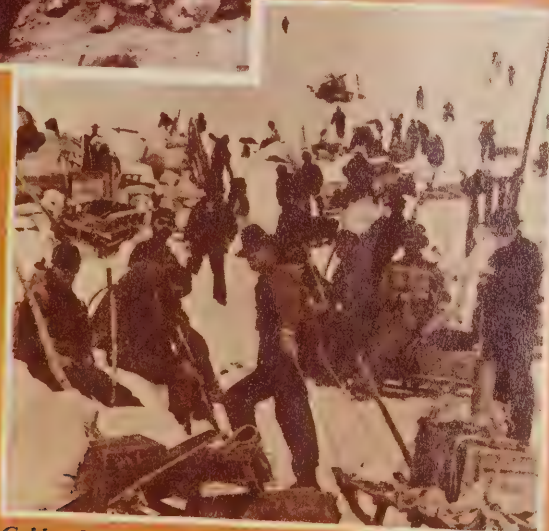
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Meanwhile, men who made a career of gold-digging, were packing up their gold pans in camps scattered across Alaska and the Caribou country in British Columbia and the western United States. The Klondike was a magnet drawing miners, and prospectors from everywhere. Few of them suspected that the great gold rush along the Klondike creeks was well underway before any of them south of 60° had ever heard of the place.

They came off the boats carrying stoves and pianos for their new life in the Yukon.

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By 1898 the rush was a frenzy. Half the was getting there — at least you'd think as fun the way the city dudes lumbered over the Chilkoot Pass with no more worry than if it had been a pile of d. Only the most faint-hearted were unted by the prospect of lugging the required 2000 pounds of food and mining supplies over the 3,000 foot summit. When they reached Bennett Lake, and the challenge of building a boat to carry them Dawson, greenhorns and able carpenters worked side by side competing with whip saws and against time to be ready to sail across Bennett as soon as the was out.

Down the river in droves they came, dealing with fright at the Whitehorse rapids where 150 boats were torn by the currents in 1898 alone. With a hunger imaginable they persisted, on to Dawson, to the Klondike . . . to Gold!

In the early days of the rush the Klondike capital was a scraggly settlement of tents and miners' shacks, but by 1900 Dawson was the largest, swankiest and sassiest burg west of Winnipeg. Gold dust spilled onto the shavings on every bar room floor and janitors got rich panning the night's sweepings. Arizona Charlie Meadows built the Palace Grand Theatre in a style finer than any expected that boom town of boasting. There was a bar on every corner, and inside men wheeled and dealt with claims and nuggets freely as though there weren't already enough broken hearts and busted bank accounts to tell the tale. The ladies of the night were confined to Lousetown, a respectable distance from the town proper.



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By 1903 over \$96 million in gold had been taken from the richest creeks, Eldorado and Bonanza, and from the other, less prosperous areas like Hunker, Bear and Dominion. Most of the gold seekers had left with empty pockets; some lay in cold graves along the Yukon River and among the coiled gravel of the tailings from the sluice boxes. A few millionaires reigned from mansions in Seattle; the prospectors who always roamed for gold and always would had moved on to new finds in Nome.

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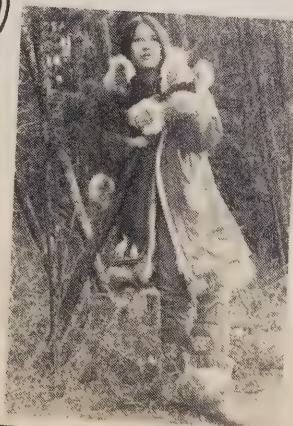
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While many entrepreneurs realized that a railway was the only logical means to transport 30,000 people and the 2,000 pounds of food and equipment required by Canadian law for each person destined for the Yukon, all had decided that it would be impossible to force a railroad through the precipitous 3,000 foot passes of the Coast Mountains. All, that is, except an optimistic Irish contractor named Michael Heney, who had been involved in the con-

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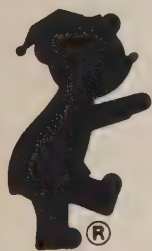
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The park is the home of Mt. Logan (19,850 ft.) and Mt. St. Elias (18,008 ft.) the second and third highest peaks in North America. These prominent pinacles are only two of several towering peaks that make up the two mountain ranges in the park.

The spectacular St. Elias mountain range has attracted mountain climbers and adventurers ever since the first white men trickled into the area over one hundred years ago.

One of the most daring climbs ever made was the first ascent of Mt. St. Elias by the man who gave the peak its name, Italian Vice-Admiral Luigi Amedeo, the Duke of Abruzzi. Amedeo cut through thick underbrush, wallowed in soggy snow and inched his way over treacherous ice falls to conquer the peak in 1897. He was 23 years old.

Today mountain climbing in the park is done almost exclusively on a professional

The fragile beauty of the flowers in Kluane National Park is a source of wonderment to the photographer.



Kluane Lake, Yukon's largest lake at 153 square miles, is situated near the eastern border of Kluane National Park.



scale and all climbers are obliged to register with the Warden Service before and after the climb. Inexperienced climbers are strongly urged to engage professional guides.

Between the mountain ranges lies a huge icefield centrally located on a high level plateau. In the alpine valleys are some of the largest and most beautiful glaciers in the world.

With names like Hubbard, Seward, Steele, Kaskawulsh, Donjek and Logan, the glaciers provide an expanding ice cover over more than half of the square mileage of the park. Most popular is Steele Glacier which periodically surges at

such an unusual rate that it has earned nickname "Galloping Glacier." Once in the late 1960's it moved seven miles in a four-month period.

Kluane National Park has more winter than the rest of the Yukon but it is unreasonable to expect suitable weather for camping and recreation between July 15 and September 15. Winter ski-touring can be done except during extreme cold snaps.

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Haines is a popular stop for tourists travelling from the ferry port of Haines, Alaska or for those driving up the Alaska Highway.

The town, referred to as "The Junction" by local inhabitants, has a population of approximately 350 people. There are modern motels, restaurants, cocktail lounges, groceries, garage services and a government liquor store in the town; all the amenities necessary to the highway

traveller.

The Yukon Territorial Government Information Center in Haines is open all summer and Haines is also the administrative headquarters for Kluane National Park.

From the junction the traveller can get a magnificent view of the Kluane Range mountains which parallel the highway.

DESTRUCTION BAY

A wicked wind blew down a number of years ago, occupied by army engineers during the construction of the Alaska Highway in 1942, giving name to this community.

Located along the shore of Kluane Lake at Mile 1083 on the Alaska Highway, Destruction Bay offers the traveller a pleasant stop. There are two motels which

have cocktail lounges, restaurants and gas stations. Good fishing is available through local charter operations.

BEAVER CREEK

The community of Beaver Creek is situated only a few miles from the Alaska-Canada border at mile 1202 (Km 1934.4) on the Alaska Highway. There are two motels, a lodge, gas station and a native

arts and crafts shop.

The Canadian Customs and Immigration post located at Beaver Creek is open 24 hours daily. The Yukon Territorial Government Information Center open

during the summer months, has an interesting display of wildflowers and rocks of the area.

BURWASH CREEK

Burwash Creek was discovered on Fourth of July in the summer of 1903 by an Indian trapper named Dawson Charlie. A later Morley Bones staked a discovery claim on Burwash Creek. That same year, 1904, the small community of Burwash sprang up around a trading post situated near the north end of beautiful Kluane Lake.

Located at Mile 1093 (Km 1769) on the Alaska Highway, the principal attractions in the town are the Kluane Historical Society Museum which includes a comprehensive natural history display of animals common to the area; and the Kluane Cultural Brotherhood arts and crafts store. Accommodations are limited, however there is a lodge with dining facilities as well as a gas station.

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Carmacks had been an important transportation stopping point for steamboats that once plied the Yukon River and for stage coaches during the early day use of

horses and tractors on the overland route to Dawson City.

Today Carmacks is a convenient stopping point for those travelling the Klondike Highway. Located 102 miles north of Whitehorse, the town has several stores, a post office, two motels, a restaurant, and an Indian arts and crafts shop. There is a spacious government campground just

below the bridge at Carmacks in close proximity to the modern Carmacks Hotel.

The oldest living member of the Canadian Northwest Mounted Police lives in Carmacks. Frank Goulter, now over 100 years old, also served in the artillery in the Boer war.

FARO

Arthur John and Al Kulan were combing the hills along the Pelly River, prospecting for signs of mineralization when Kulan found a prospector's pick. He placed the relic in his pack convinced that it was a good omen. Not long afterwards, Kulan discovered the ore body which was to result in the construction of Cyprus Anvil Mine, one of the largest lead and zinc operations in the world.

The town of Faro was born in 1969 to serve the needs of employees of the mine. It is located 38 miles from Ross River on the east side of the Pelly River about five miles from the Robert Campbell Highway. The town has now grown to be the second largest in the Yukon, with a population of 1,500.

Being a new and modern community, Faro has little in the way of historic sites to view. But community leaders do point with pride to their patronage of the arts. Handicraft and paintings are exhibited at shows throughout the year. The annual Farrago Folk Festival attracts musicians and folk singers from all over North America.

Faro has a hotel with a lounge and restaurant, a garage and grocery-department store, jewellery store, hardware store, gas stations, post office, travel agency, government liquor store and a bank.

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Robert Service-the 'Bard of the Yukon'

If there ever was one individual who was able to incorporate into his poetry all of the elements for which the north is famous, it was Robert William Service.

Service's poetry has an incomparable meter which rolls easily off the tongue. It not only lends itself to recital, but invites it. His poetry bubbles with humour, is flourished with description, and seeths with adventure. It also instills an underlying mystic philosophy; a law of the north which encourages the reader to "do his own thing," and "stand on his own two feet," virtues by which Service and his fellow pioneers had lived.

The "Bard of the Yukon" as he was called, produced such favourite poems as: *The Spell of the Yukon*, *The Shooting of Dan McGrew*, and *The Cremation of Sam McGee*; verse which has permeated the English-speaking world and is still much recited.

Robert Service was born January 16, 1874 in Preston, England. He attended school in Glasgow, Scotland but withdrew in his early teens to apprentice with the Commercial Bank of Scotland.

He migrated to Canada when he was twenty-one where he roamed working as a ranch hand, bookkeeper, farmer and newsman, from British Columbia to Mexico.

Service gained employment with the Canadian Bank of Commerce in the fall of 1903 and in less than a year the bank had transferred him to Whitehorse, then a

small community at the terminus of the White Pass and Yukon Railroad in the Yukon Territory.

The bank clerk was greatly impressed with the northern frontier. And since people and their actions make history, the rough and ready personalities of these northern individuals were perfect for characterization in his poetry. This exposure to northern people and their ways inspired Service's first book of verse *Songs of a Sourdough* which he published in 1907.

Shortly afterward Service was transferred to Dawson City where he became cashier at the Dawson City branch of the Bank of Commerce, which today utilizes the same building where the famous poet had worked.



The cabin where Robert Service wrote many of his famous poems during his stay in the Klondike.

In Dawson, Service lived in a small cabin which has since become a major tourist attraction. He continued his writing; often pinning the verse on the cabin wall to work it and re-work it.

The turning point in Service's career came when he left Canada to become a war correspondent for the *Toronto Star* in the Balkan War and in World War I. He joined the Canadian Ambulance Corps as a driver and wrote the gripping *Rhymes of a Red Cross Man* in 1916. This was followed by *Ballads of a Bohemian* in 1920 and *The Roughneck* in 1923.

After the war, Service took up residence in France where he married a French girl and settled down to raise a family. There he remained until the Nazi invasion in 1940, when he moved with his wife and daughter to Hollywood, California; lived there during the war years and then returned to France.

Service died in France on September 11, 1958. He had written thousands of lines of verse and a number of novels, many of which are now out of print.

Whether Service's writing was describing the awe-inspiring country and moods of the north, or telling about its people and their struggle to survive; it has a simple and time-tested appeal and is written in a language which everyone can understand.

MAYO

This interesting riverport community is situated 34 miles up the Stewart River from Stewart Crossing. Named for the pioneer prospector and trader, Alfred Mayo, this town has been a shipping point for gold and silver mined further north, since the early 1900's.

The road to Mayo is a good one. There is a campground located on the banks of the scenic Mayo River which is one of the most pleasant found in the Yukon.

Good fishing is available at nearby Mayo Lake and the Chateau Mayo hotel is a fun place to visit to mingle with the old timers who have hunted and prospected throughout this part of the Yukon wilderness.

The town also has a motel, a grocery store, restaurant, hospital, gas station and garage. There is scheduled and chartered air service available.

KENO

Yet undiscovered by the average traveller, Keno may yet see a tourist boom as it is one of the prettiest communities in the Yukon.

This above-timberline mining town of less than one-hundred people, is located 71 miles from Stewart Crossing on the Mayo-Elsa Road. A branch road several miles before Keno dwindles to an end at McQuesten Lake. Beyond that, 300 miles of sub-arctic forest stretches to Fort McPherson, the Peel and Mackenzie rivers.

There is a magnificent view of Keno from the top of the 6,200-foot dome of Keno Mountain.

Photo fans will like the milepost sign on the rim of the dome, giving distances to points around the globe.

Keno has a hotel with a cocktail lounge and good food is available right across the street at Luigi and Gina's cafe.

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There are valleys unpeopled and still;
There's a land—oh, it beckons and beckons,
And I want to go back—and I will.

*They're making my money diminish;
I'm sick of the taste of champagne.
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Dawson was once heralded as the "largest city west of Chicago and north of San Francisco". Ironically, the stampede of humans which swept into Dawson from all points of the globe in 1898-99, is almost paralleled each summer by an influx of visitors wishing to relive its lively past.

In Dawson, one finds the 'spirit of '98' still very much alive. There's rollicking entertainment six nights a week by the Gaslight Follies in the city's fully restored Palace Grand theatre. And there's Diamond Tooth Gertie's Gambling Casino with games of chance and high-kicking can-can dancers. There's music, fun and excitement.

Visitors have the opportunity to explore the gold creeks in the area by choosing from one of the guided tours. They can try their hand at gold panning and visit the famous Dredge No. 4, the largest wooden-hull dredge in North America, which now stands idle on Bonanza Creek.

In Dawson, gold rush relics can be found everywhere. And there's the derelict saloons . . . the Redfeather or the Monte Carlo, mute reminders of the days when gold rush patrons like Big Alex McDonald or Swiftwater Bill Gates downed French champagne at forty dollars a pint.

There are modern hotels and motels, numerous cocktail lounges, restaurants and interesting shops to explore. Many shops specialize in custom-made gold nugget jewellery, ivory and local souvenirs.

The Dawson Museum is an interesting place to spend a morning or afternoon. It houses a collection of over 25,000 gold rush artifacts, as well as displays of regional history, archeology and ethno-

logy.

But perhaps the best entertainment of all is a leisurely stroll along the boardwalk to take in the many sights and sounds of the city itself. Or to drive to the summit of the famous Midnight Dome for a spectacular panoramic view of the area.

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Dawson City Museum

The Dawson Museum displays an interesting collection of Klondike gold rush artifacts. Adjacent to the museum in Minto Park are old locomotives including an old diamond stacker used in connection with early mining operations in the Klondike. Open daily during the summer. 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Adults \$1.00. Children 50¢.

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Dick North photo collection

It was not only the discovery of gold that turned the attention of the world toward the Yukon, but also the stories written by the various poets and authors who ventured north among the throngs. These stories served to give those on the "outside" a better understanding of the lifestyle in the northern frontier.

One of the most dynamic and certainly the most prolific writer to immortalize the Yukon was Jack London. His descriptive knack, sensitivity towards people, and love for animals, won his books instant

popularity among young and old.

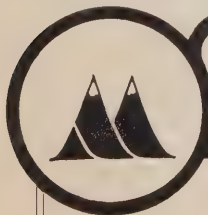
London was only 21 when he was lured to the Klondike from his San Francisco home in July of 1897. The attraction to the north grew not from the prospects of finding gold, but rather from the opportunity to experience the way of life of the northern pioneer.

In Dawson City, London came to know a huge dog, a mixture of St. Bernard and German Shepherd breeding, who London called "Buck". This dog was his prototype for one of the most famous dog stories of

all time, *The Call of the Wild*. In 1903 when the book was published, it sold half a million copies. Since then it has been published in 29 different languages, including such unlikely ones as Swahili and Bantu.

Even though London's stay in the Klondike was brief (he left in June of 1898 shortly after a bout with scurvy), he continued to write stories about the north. *White Fang*, *To Build a Fire*, *The Son of Wolf* and *Children of the Frost* are only a few of his now famous works.

Jack London was only 40 when he died in 1916. He had written over 300 short stories and 50 books in a short span of twenty years.



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YUKON CAMPGROUNDS

Yukon's network of campgrounds grew out of the need to reduce fire hazards in this thickly-forested countryside. Some 30 years ago, the Yukon Forest Service began to encourage highway travellers to camp in central locations. From these efforts, the campground system was born.

Now there are 53 government campsites and several commercial campgrounds.

In 1971 the campground program was turned over to the Yukon Department of Highways and Public Works. It was transferred to the Tourism and Information Branch in 1973 and is now handled by the Parks and Historic Sites Division of that branch.

Choice of campsites and rest stops has been given careful study. Distance between points that will satisfy the needs of the traveller; road access; safety; and environmental concerns, are all factors taken into account before a site is established.

Great care is taken to avoid harassing or disturbing wildlife unnecessarily through the presence of man or machinery. Maintenance and upgrading of campgrounds is designed to reflect these concerns.

To preserve the serenity and convenience of each site and help to make camping a pleasure for all, visitors are asked to co-operate by not removing equipment, facilities or firewood; having open fires; littering the area; discharging firearms or cutting or damaging trees.

Since most of the campsites are on or near lakesides, strict observance to public health standards is a prerequisite to their development. Latrines and garbage disposal sites are located at

least one hundred feet away from any body of water. Samples of the water supply are frequently and carefully monitored.

Facilities are spacious with privies, tables, water supply, enclosed kitchen shelters, individual stoves or barbecues and cut firewood supplied.

Electrical hook-ups and water and sewage connections for campers and trailers are not provided, although there are commercial campsites throughout the territory that provide these services.

The campsite at Lake Laberge marks the spot of "The Cremation of Sam McGee" made famous in poem and legend by Robert Service.

The Otter Falls campsite is adjacent to the scene on the back of the old Canadian five dollar bill.

Marsh Lake, only 25 miles from Whitehorse, offers swimming and water skiing. Fishing can be enjoyed just about anywhere the fisherman cares to wet his line.

Yukon campgrounds extend from Watson Lake on the border of British Columbia in the south, through to the Alaska border in the west, the Northwest Territories in the east and within less than 150 miles from the Arctic Circle to the north.

Territorial campground fees are \$10.00 for the season or \$2.50 per night. The maximum stay is 14 nights in any one campsite.

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The Yukon abounds with wildlife so there is a possibility of confronting a wild animal at close range while hiking through a wilderness area.

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Remember to keep your camp clean. Any remnants of food left at your campsite may attract wild animals, and even if this does not endanger you it may be hazardous to the next hiker.

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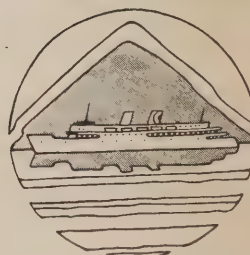
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YUKON CLIMATE

The myth of Yukon as a land of perpetual ice and snow is one of the most difficult to dispell. Actually, the summers are warm, with almost total daylight during most of June. Autumn is spectacular with brilliant colours and the crisp air of the first frost. Winters are no worse than in many Canadian provinces. In fact, Yukoners often bask in considerably warmer temperatures than other areas of Canada and the northern United States.

The mean temperature for Whitehorse is around -7°C (+18°F) and a balmy average of 13°C (56°F) in July. It's a very dry climate, so you don't have to worry about chilling dampness.

In the winter the temperature may plunge to as low as -40°C (-40°F) for a few days. On the average, however, winter days can be pleasant, providing perfect weather for snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing.

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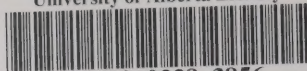
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